GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:382
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2001
SETTING UP OF HUDCO HAATS IN STATE CAPITALS
RAMPAL SINGH;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to set up `HUDCO Haats` in the States capitals for providing necessary information to the people regarding new technology, construction material and housing loans for construction of beautiful, cheap and durable houses;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the objectives thereof;

(c) the facilities likely to be provided by these haats and the time by which they are likely to start functioning with locations thereof;

(d) whether the State Governments have agreed to the proposal;

(e) if so, the assistance provided by the Union Government and State Governments to HUDCO in this regard; and

(f) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)to(f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.382 FOR 18.12.2001 REGARDING SETTING UP OF HUDCO HAATS IN STATE CAPITALS.

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. A proposal has been mooted for setting up of HUDCO Haat in the State Capitals for providing necessary information and guidance to the people regarding new technologies, construction materials, housing loans for construction of cost-effective and durable houses, all the Central schemes being implemented by Housing & Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) and other schemes of HUDCO. A Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation has been set up to work out the finer details.

(d)to(f): The terms of reference of the Committee are to give recommendations regarding establishment of `HUDCO-Haats` with Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) as the co-ordinating and executive agency in all the State Capitals and other important cities and expansion of BMTPC`s activities for strengthening the Building Centre movement and setting up demonstration projects on appropriate technology. After the recommendations of the Committee are made available, the scheme will be forwarded to the State Governments. No time frame has been fixed in this regard.